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ARCHANGELS	ARCHBISHOPS			WINTER ARCHES
VI	EDWARDIAN ARCHES			OPTIMISTIC ARCHES
LEN'S				(HOLY) ARCHES

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You are probably all aware of the rumour that the College will be receiving an 8% increase in operating budget for 1981-82. You should also be aware that this figure is only a rumour. We do not know and will not know any budget details until late in March.

Be assured that no discussions regarding salary, personnel, or program reductions have taken place between the FSA and the College administration. The FSA, in conjunction with administration, board, and students, will be endeavouring to get concrete budget information. As we get information and as we understand the implications of that information, you will get that information too. The administration and Board have indicated that they would fight any reduction or limitations in College operations.

A full discussion of this issue will take place at our General Meeting on March 4, 5:30 p.m., Abbotsford Campus.

NEW BUILDING: Yes, we have architects -
Waisman Dewar Grout.

YOUR SALARY INCREASE: A Message from Doug McDowell

he 1981-82 salary scales - what will they look like? Well, if the Vancouver Consumer Price Index (CPI) is 8% or less for the period March 1, 1980, to February 28, 1981, then the new scales will be as they are listed in the contract for 1981-82.

But it looks as if the Vancouver CPI will be much higher than 8%. The college expects to have this information sometime in late March. Here is an example of what could happen:



If the Vancouver CPI turns out to be 12.13%, this means that, to the nearest one-tenth of one percent, it would be 4.1% above our 8% raise. This would be added to the 8% raise agreed on in the contract because this is how the COLA (Cost of Living Allowance) clause works.

To calculate your new salary, you would find the appropriate step on the 1981-82 scale in the the contract and multiply it by 1.041. Eureka: Out pops your new salary total.

Of course, the actual rise in the Vancouver CPI may turn out to be different from the 12.13% example I used. Then the actual number would be different, but the process would be the same.

A NOTE FROM THE BURSAR: The bursar says the new scales will be out by the end of March, and you will get a copy of them in your March cheque. The increase starts April 1, the beginning of the contract year, so it will show up in the APRIL cheques.

NEWS FROM ROUND THE PROVINCE

- * Langara is rumoured to have settled for an increase of 12.5%.
- * CUPE (Terrace) 13.5% increase, Jan. 1-July 1, 1981, and a further 3%, July 1.
- * BCIT has requested 29% effective Jan. 1, and three quarterly increases of 4% on April 1, July 1, and October 1, 1981, and a COLA which would take effect if inflation in 1981 exceeds 10%. They hold a strike vote with 70% in favour.
- * The CIEA has been invited to discuss with the Association of Canadian Television and Radio Artists and the Canadian Association of University Teachers the creation of a consortium of educators and artists involved in educational TV in BC. Similar bodies exist in Ontario, Alberta, and Saskatchewan; and are an important means of protection for those involved in educational TV.

REMEMBER NICARAGUA?

Our general meeting last year voted funds for the literacy drive in Nicaragua. The Literacy Crusade ended August 15, 1980, and claimed to have eliminated illiteracy for 60% of the people. People were taught by a network of volunteers, and learned to identify words with special meaning for their lives: freedom, housing, family, food, work.

Nicaragua has a Christian-Marxist-Socialist government; two Catholic priests are members of Cabinet, and the Literacy Crusade was run by a Jesuit. The United Church Observer reports that this new government has nationalized banks, insurance companies, fishing, and some farmland; 60% of the economy is private enterprise. The government is trying to pay the enormous debts incurred by the previous regime. The only debts repudiated are those for arms. A growth rate of 20% in the economy, a 15% reduction in inflation, and free health services, milk, and education are real achievements.

Most Canadian aid to Nicaragua - only 1.5 million - came from churches and unions.